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Attn: Mr. David S. Guzy

Chief, Rules and Publications Staff

Dear Mr. Guzy:

Texaco Inc. appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Minerals Management Service (MMS) notice of withdrawing proposed rulemaking and requesting comments on supplemental information on "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Federal Leases," (62 FR 19537, April 22, 1997).

Texaco agrees with, references, and hereby adopts as its own, the comments filed by the American Petroleum Institute (API), to the notice. In addition, Texaco generally supports the comments filed by the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA).

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